



Blue Bin News

St. Louis City Residential Recycling Newsletter

Recycling Pick-Up and Drop-Off Services



The expansion of recycling service in the City of St. Louis is well under way. Since the Fall of 2010, the Refuse Division has been working hard to assemble, prepare, and distribute recycling dumpsters and rollcarts to our City's alleys and streets. To date, we have placed new recycling containers in most of our City's 28 Wards. Nineteen Wards are now receiving recycling pick-up service in at least part of their Ward. Eight Wards have received new recycling drop-off sites.

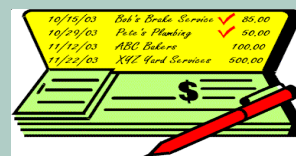
While we have made significant progress in making recycling more convenient for many residents, we still have a lot of work ahead of us. In addition to getting the remaining recycling containers in place, we must also spread the word about the availability of these services to our residents, so that they will use them. We encourage you to talk to your family, friends, and neighbors about what recycling options are available in your area. We are also continuously looking for new ways to educate our residents. Please feel free to share your ideas for how we can best communicate with you and we will do our best to incorporate those ideas into our outreach and education campaign.

For more details about residential recycling pick-up and drop-off services, please visit our website at <http://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/street/refuse/recycle/residents.cfm>. Please note, cardboard boxes should be flattened and placed inside the recycling container. Plastic bags are not accepted in our City's recycling containers.

Buy Recycled Checks

Are your checks made from post-consumer (pc) recycled paper?

- * If you buy checks from your bank, ask them for ones with pc recycled content.
- * If you buy checks online, look for pc content in the specifications.
- * If your checks already have pc content, ask your bank or search the web for checks with a higher percentage of pc content than what your checks currently have.



March 2011 Upcoming Events

Details available at

<http://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/street/refuse/recycle/Calendar.cfm>

March 5 - 1pm-4pm
Swap-O-Rama-Rama

March 9 - 530pm-730pm
Upholstery Basics

March 10 - 9am-12pm
Native Plant School - Gardening in Deep Shade: Ferns and Other Shade Plants

March 10 - 1pm-4pm
Native Plant School - Native Landscaping Part 1: Planning & Design



March 11 - 1pm-4pm
Native Plant School - Native Landscaping Part 1: Planning & Design

March 12 - 8am-12pm
Waste Free Lunches

March 12 - 1pm-3pm
Designer U - The Creative Process

March 16 - 630pm-8pm
Composting Expanded: Worm Bins

March 21 - 630pm-8pm
Composting Expanded: Bokashi Buckets

Recycling Light Bulbs

Since it was introduced in the 1800s, the light bulb has taken on many shapes and sizes, it has been specialized for different uses (e.g., dimming, heating reptile enclosures, lighting ovens and refrigerators, etc.) and it has made a significant impact on how we live our lives. We use them to light our homes, offices, streets and alleys, vehicles, etc. In fact, we rely on light bulbs so much that at night our light can be seen from space.



Manufacturing and lighting all of those light bulbs consumes large amounts of energy and natural resources. Reducing the number of light bulbs we need and recycling them after they no longer illuminate can help prevent pollution, reduce energy consumption, and conserve valuable resources. To reduce light bulb waste, consider switching to ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), also known as the spiral or curly bulbs. CFLs last up to 10 times longer than the traditional incandescent bulbs, which means you'll spend less time changing bulbs and have less waste.

Recycling light bulbs (especially CFLs) is becoming much easier in St. Louis. We are fortunate to have a number of light bulb recycling options right here in the Metro area. A list of these options is available on our website at <http://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/street/refuse/recycle/lightbulbs.cfm>.

What Are Post-Consumer Recycled Products?

Solve the cryptogram. See page 1 for the answer.

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For comparison, post-industrial or pre-consumer materials have never reached the consumer. They are factory scrap, trimmings, overruns, and defective materials that are reintroduced into the manufacturing process without ever leaving the factory.

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